

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**MATTHEW J. HICKS,**  
[DOB 8-30-1990]

Defendant.

No.

*24-3022-01-CR-S-BCW*

**COUNT 1**

18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4) and (b)(2)

NMT 20 Years Imprisonment

NMT \$250,000 Fine

NLT 5 Years or Life Supervised Release

Class C Felony

\$100 Special Assessment

Restitution

\$5000 JVT A Special Assessment

**INFORMATION**

**THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:**

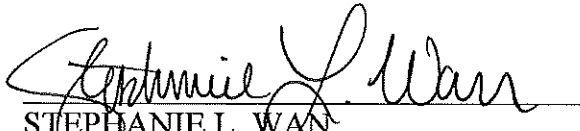
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Beginning on an unknown date, but as early as May 24, 2022, and continuing through January 18, 2023, said dates being approximate, in Greene County, in the Western District of Missouri, **MATTHEW J. HICKS**, the defendant, did knowingly possess at least one matter which contains any visual depiction, which involved a prepubescent minor and a minor who had not attained 12 years of age, that had been mailed and shipped and transported in interstate commerce, and which contains materials which had been so mailed and shipped and transported by any means, including by computer, the production of which involved the use of

a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and which visual depiction was of such conduct,  
all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(4) and (b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

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